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BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION OF CRACK

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today United States District Judge Catherine C. Blake sentenced Tevon Cornelius Gray, age 26, of Baltimore, Maryland to 188 months imprisonment, followed by 4 years of supervised release for possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, also known as crack.

The conviction arose out of Gray's arrest on December 12, 2002 by Baltimore City police executing a search warrant at a residence in the 1800 block of Presstman Street. Gray was in a second floor rear bedroom in the process of preparing crack for street sale. A gun was located in another part of the house at the time of the search, but Gray was not held accountable for that weapon. Gray pled guilty to the drug charge on March 8, 2004, and has been in custody since his December 2002 arrest. This is Gray's third conviction involving distribution of drugs.

This case was referred to the United States Attorneys Office for prosecution following a routine review by members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives. Local arrests throughout Maryland involving firearms are routinely scrutinized for federal prosecution. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Andrea L. Smith.